

## **REMARKS**

The remarks presented herein are in response to the Office Action dated November 7, 2008. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372 between Group I (Claims 40-52) drawn to an endodontic instrument, Group II (Claims 53-61) drawn to a method of widening a root canal, Group III (Claims 62-67) drawn to an endodontic instrument, Group IV (Claims 68-71) drawn to a method of using an endodontic instrument for widening a root canal, and Group V (Claims 72-75) drawn to drawn a method of using an endodontic instrument for widening a root canal.

Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute in this patent application the subject matter of Group I (Claims 40-52). Applicant cancels, without prejudice, claims 53-75.

On the basis of the above amendments, consideration of this application and the early allowance of all claims herein are requested.

If the Examiner believes that for any reason direct contact with Applicants' representative would help to advance the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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